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For: APPARATUS FOR APPLYING A )  
REACTION FORCE TO A )  
PIVOTALLY SUPPORTED PEDAL )  
MEMBER UPON DEPRESSION )  
THEREOF (as amended) )

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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the best of undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

Japanese Patent Publication JP-A 2001-239930 is discussed on pages 1-3 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Publication JP-A 2001-247020 is discussed on pages 1-3 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Publication JP-A 2001-278021 is discussed on pages 1-3 of the specification.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the Patent and Trademark Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

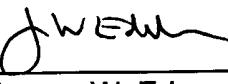
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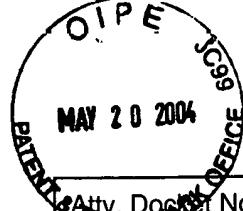
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
	6,105,737	08/22/00	Weigert et al.			
	5,887,954	03/30/99	Steiner et al.			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
	2001-239930	09/04/01	Japan			No
	2001-247020	09/11/01	Japan			No
	2001-278021	10/10/01	Japan			No
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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